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The Honorable Cathy Stepp
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Dear Regional Administrator Stepp:

On behalf of the communities in my district, thank you to you and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for adding the McLouth Steel Corp. site in Trenton, Michigan, to the Nation Priorities List. Your attendance at the announcement and all your hard work throughout this process has been greatly appreciated.

Now that this site has been finally listed under the Superfund program the long process of cleaning up the McLouth Steel Corp. site for future generations can begin. This listing will help the federal government and Michigan work together. Our top priority must be ensuring that the site is properly cleaned up and the safety of Trenton and our Downriver communities is protected. This was an important step forward with a long road still ahead of us. I look forward to continuing to work with you and EPA.

Additionally, I would also like to thank you for taking some time with me to discuss the future of EPA's Large Lakes Research Station on Grosse Ile. I was pleased to hear you recognize its importance and to reconsider the closure of this important facility, which serves as the base of operations for EPA first responders, criminal investigators, and a post for the Great Lakes National Program Office. Shutting this facility could be detrimental to the Great Lake region, workforce, and the agency's ability to carry out its core mission to protect human health and the environment.

If there is any additional information or assistance my office can provide you as EPA moves forward, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office on this or any issue. Thank you for your dedicated service to this country over the years and all that you do for the state of Michigan and region.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress